



Time Running Out For Submitting NO Coal Legislation. NO Coal Or PRO Coal Moment Of Truth.

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The *deadline* for submitting Bills for legislative consideration this session is **February 21 in Oregon and March 13 in Washington**.

The Bill below was sent to all members of the Washington and Oregon legislatures. If you or an organization to which you belong has a NO Coal Bill please send it to as many legislators as you can ASAP. I make a special appeal to my state representative, Tina Kotek and my state senator, Chip Shields, to, at the very least, submit the Bill below as a **constituent curtesy Bill** to the North Portland Coal Committee and me, Richard Ellmyer, both of which reside in their districts.

It doesn't matter what your NO Coal Bill says. The important thing is that **at least one NO Coal Bill is submitted in the House and Senate of Oregon and Washington before the deadlines**.

Don't have a NO Coal Bill? Fine. **Call, write, email, or visit your legislators and TELL THEM to submit or cosponsor any NO Coal Bill.**

House/Senate Bill xxxx

Sponsored by Representatives ? / Senators ?

#### SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Prohibits the transport of coal for the purpose of distribution to public and private entities outside Oregon/Washington. Creates crime of trafficking in coal for the purpose of distribution to public and private entities outside Oregon/Washington. Punishes by maximum of 30 years' imprisonment, \$100,000,000 fine, or both.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to transport of coal; creating new provisions; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon/Washington:

SECTION 1. (1) The transport of coal through the state of Oregon/Washington for the purpose of distribution to public and private entities outside Oregon/Washington is prohibited.

(2) The trafficking in coal for the purpose of distribution to public and private entities outside Oregon/Washington shall be a Class A felony.

SECTION 2. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.

Every legislator that has cosponsored *any* NO Coal legislation will be identified, congratulated and supported.

Every legislator that has NOT cosponsored NO Coal legislation will be identified as an *enemy of the health and safety of all living things in the Pacific Northwest* and a supporter of the *immoral aiding and abetting of Climate Change* through coal burning.

It's time for legislators to stand up and be counted on the Coal issue. And we are counting.

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Certified *Oregon Change Agent* by governor John Kitzhaber  
Chair, North Portland Coal Committee

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Eric de Place on Coal

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLz0Bf78qE8&feature=youtu.be>

Bonnie Meltzer on Coal

<http://earthfix.opb.org/multimedia/video/portland-activist-uses-her-art-to-protest-coal-exp/>

Greenpeace, The Coal Conspiracy

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=Txf5\\_vYJuzw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Txf5_vYJuzw)

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The *Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003* also known as the *CAN-SPAM Act of 2003* specifically exempts **political speech**. It was authored by senator Ron Wyden. A call to his staff will clarify this legislation. Over the last nine years only a *handful* of the most egregious **commercial** violators have successfully been tried and convicted. The law did not work as many of us who helped develop it had hoped. Spam, as defined in this act, is an international problem which requires an international solution. Signed emails with true headers whose content is related to government and politics that the receiver considers "bothersome" are not spam.